

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-637-E - ORDER NO. 94-1115
OCTOBER 21, 1994

IN RE: Carolina Power & Light Company -)
Application for a Certificate of) ORDER
Environmental Compatibility and) SETTING
Public Convenience and Necessity) MATTER
to Construct a 230 kV Transmission) FOR
Line and Substation in Chesterfield) HEARING
County, South Carolina.)

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on Carolina Power & Light Company's (CP&L's) Petition to Begin Construction (Petition to Begin Construction) Prior to the Issuance of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity.¹ CP&L asserts that it must begin work on the Cheraw Cash Road 230 kV substation by November 1, 1994, in order to meet the in service date of June 1, 1995.

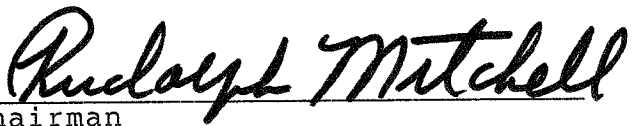
S.C. Code Ann. §58-33-110(7)(1976) provides as follows:

[t]he Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under §58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction; provided, however, that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility.

1. On September 26, 1994, CP&L filed an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a substation and 230 kV transmission line in Chesterfield County, South Carolina.

The Commission finds that a hearing should be held for the purpose of requiring CP&L to justify that the public convenience and necessity support the Petition to Begin Construction prior to the issuance of a certificate under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act. S.C. Code Ann. §58-33-10 to -430 (1976). Therefore, the Commission instructs the Commission Staff to set this matter for a hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)